

August 7, 2016 Unit 356 minutes of Board Meeting

Members present: Anne Hinge Ann Shaylor, Joan Merrill, Darwin Afdahl, Steve Reynolds, Jud Jones and Betsy O'Dell

July minutes were accepted. Joan Merrill made a motion to accept and Steve Reynolds seconded the motion.

There were no questions on the treasurer's report.

D17 Darwin said that Bonnie has been automatically accepted because the name of her opponent, John, was taken off the ballot.

There are about 1/2 dozen new members a month. A breakdown of members by zip code was done.

Hotel Tucson's renovation work is almost done. A room was comped for the ACBL president. They are working on having rooms upgraded. This might be an issue for the NLM regional but not the Tucson sectional.

There is a NLM regional in Phoenix in October. This is within two weeks of our tournament and might affect our attendance.

It is important to make sure that Small Slams Bridge Club at Saddlebrook (on Thursday) is invited to our NLM tournament.

NLM tournament prizes include stickers, T-shirts, and convention card holders. There is also a drawing for a prize at the White Stallion Ranch.

Ann will publicize the NLM tournament and other tournaments at Streams.

Flyers were put on the bulletin boards at Pima Community College and the U of A for caddies. Caddie pay will be changed to \$10 an hour from \$30 a session. There will be a need to be on top of the hours worked. A maximum of \$40 was suggested.

The tournaments for November and January are on track. Ann needs to find speakers for the January sectional. Ann and Adair are working on speakers for the regional at the end of March. Possible speakers were discussed.

The restaurant at the Radisson is really cooperative. There will be three lunch choices.
sitting down in the restaurant
hot buffet (sitting at our tables)
our buffet (sandwiches and salad)

The Radisson is being asked to make a deal about people staying at the hotel. If staying on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, possibly Sunday could be free. If staying Monday

through Friday, possibly Saturday and Sunday could be free. The carpeting in the ballroom and the lighting improvements will or will not be done. We have no control over it.

Suni has donated 20 tables to the unit. He donated 140 chairs to the Greek Church. It is understood that we can borrow these chairs if needed. This will save us money.

We have 28 Bridgmates. We need about 60. We need to buy approximately 35. If 45 are ordered, the cost would be \$126 a unit. 35 would be \$140 a unit. Steve suggested that we try to use the 28 that we have toward the 60 needed to get a better rate. The unit contribution would be \$2400 as the cost for 5 years of rental fees. The unit was asked to spot the money to buy Bridgmates. If we had them, we could save money on caddies. The directors bring their own Bridgmates to regional tournaments except for NLM regional tournaments. We have 5 times where we could use them. They include Skyline Member Appreciation Game, the Holiday Game, the two sectionals and the NLM regional. A motion was made by Joan to pass our unit contribution for the Bridgmates. It was seconded by Ann. If Adobe Bridge Club ever goes under, 1/2 of the Bridgmates would go to the unit and the other half would go to charity.

Cindy is looking into prices for flyers to be printed. It was suggested that she needs to discuss this at the next board meeting before a decision is made.

Are bulletins needed at regional tournaments? They are labor intensive and expensive. Darwin will find out if the information could be put on the website only. There needs to be further discussion with Adair, Cindy and Darwin. It was suggested that people without computer skills might be upset.

The flyers for the NLM regional are ready to go to Phoenix.

Old Pueblo regional is the Tucson Winter Regional. We needed to put time and location in the title for marketing purposes. Darwin said that as long as D17 is on the flyer, the name does not matter.

Jud will instruct on Wednesdays. There will be 4-5 boards each week to discuss.

Senior Olympics - Adobe 2017 Sunday was suggested because if it is on a Saturday, clubs would need to close their regular games and not make money. There is a possibility that this could be made into a unit game.

Cindy would like to be a full board member. Carolyn Reynolds would like to come back on the board. We might need a new I/N representative.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell 8-16-2016